

# **Maine EMS Examination Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2005**

**Maine EMS Conference Room, Augusta**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Trisha Coleman, , Kelly Roderick, Bob Hawkes,

**Absent:** Rick Doughty, Travis Norsworthy, Darrell Gilman, Joanne LeBrun, Gary Utgard

**Staff:** Drexell White

**1. Call To Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m.

**A. Assign Timekeeper –**

**B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – Update from Jay Bradshaw, Maine EMS Director**

Drexell White reported that Darrell Gilman and Joanne LeBrun notified him that they would be unable to attend the meeting.

**2. Minutes – November 16, 2004, meeting minutes - review for acceptance**

The minutes of the November 16, 2004, meeting were reviewed

*Motion: To accept the minutes of the November 16, 2004, meeting. (Roderick;Coleman - motion carries).*

**3. Old Business**

**1. Paramedic Exam**

The committee continued its review of the two Request For Information (RFI) responses received from the National Registry of EMTs and Thomson Prometric. Jack y Vaniotis provided a comparison document to be used during the process.

Questions that arose during review included:

1. For Prometric – Will the person who writes the exam be an EMS person?
2. For Prometric – Do they use all texts to develop exams or just their own ( an affiliated company with in corporation publishes EMS textbooks)?
3. For NREMT – Are written exams available at the EMT-P level as they are with EMT-B (i.e. regional offices have a supply on hand)?
4. For NREMT - How will the exam process differ at the Paramedic level from the EMT-Basic level?
5. For NREMT – Will NREMT accept our practical exam or must Maine use the NREMT practical?

Work will continue at next month's meeting. Drexell White will develop a template for reporting to the Board.

**2. Student Handbook – Status – Nothing to Report**

**3. EMT-B Practical – Data Collection Format – Placeholder – Feb. 2005**

#### **4. Exam Considerations for Proposed Airway Module – Placeholder**

##### **4. New Business - Addition – Update from Jay Bradshaw**

Jay Bradshaw reported that he will attend a meeting of state EMS directors in Atlanta, GA. on March 10 & 11, 2005, sponsored by the National Registry of EMT (NREMT). The meeting will provide state EMS directors with information about NREMT's conversion to computer adaptive testing (CAT).

Jay informed the group that Bill Brown, executive director of NREMT will be visiting Maine this summer in order to meet with Maine EMS representatives to provide additional information on CAT as well as provide general information and receive feedback on the NREMT process in Maine.

Some of the questions Jay will be presenting to Bill Brown include:

- What options will there be for off-site testing options (i.e. being able to use existing infrastructure to deliver the written exams vs. requiring all exams to be conducted at a proprietary examination site.
- Cost of implementing CAT and per student costs
- How is NREMT addressing problems with providing exam results to regional offices

Jay asked committee members to please forward specific questions they would like posed at the March meeting.

##### **5. Next Meeting**

###### **A. Set Agenda - Next agenda to include:**

- 1. Paramedic Exam**
- 2. Student Handbook - status**
- 3. EMT-B Practical Skill Station Data**
- 4. Exam Considerations for Proposed Airway Module – placeholder**

###### **B. Set Date and Time**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2005 at Maine EMS, 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 1 in Augusta.

##### **6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White